

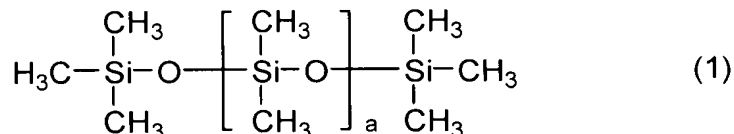
IN THE CLAIMS

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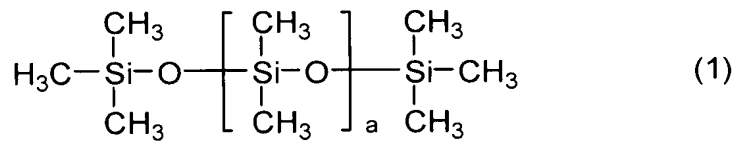
Claim 1 (currently amended): An oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition ~~obtained by dispersing, in an aqueous phase containing~~ comprising an aqueous phase and an emulsifier[[,]] ~~and droplets of a mixture of the below-described~~ comprising polysiloxanes consisting of Components (A) and (B) and droplets of a mixture ~~of the below-described~~ comprising polysiloxanes consisting of Components ~~(A)~~ (A') and (C):

(A) a dimethylpolysiloxane represented by the following formula (1):



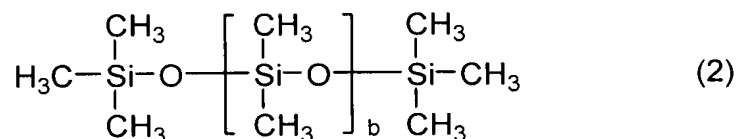
wherein, a stands for a number-average polymerization degree ranging from 1,000 to 20,000

(A') a dimethylpolysiloxane represented by the following formula (1):



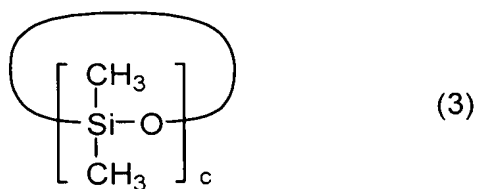
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(B) a dimethylpolysiloxane represented by the following formula (2):



wherein, b stands for a number-average polymerization degree ranging from 10 to 800

(C) a cyclic dimethylpolysiloxane represented by the following formula (3):



wherein, c stands for a number-average polymerization degree ranging from 3 to 7
and

wherein a weight ratio of said mixture of components (A) and (B) to said mixture of components (A') and (C) is from 1:4 to 4:1.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition of Claim 1, which is prepared by the following steps 1 to 4:

Step 1: mixing Components (A) and (B) to prepare a silicone mixture (AB),

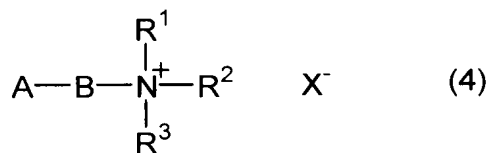
Step 2: mixing Components ~~(A)~~ (A') and (C) to prepare a silicone mixture ~~(AC)~~ (A'C),

Step 3: mixing an emulsifier, the other components to be incorporated in the hair cosmetic composition, and water to prepare a base composition, and

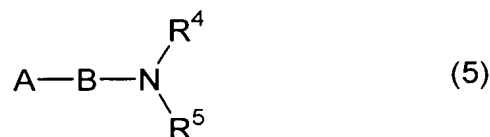
Step 4: adding and mixing, in the base composition, the silicone mixture (AB) and the silicone mixture ~~(AC)~~ (A'C) without dissolving each other and forming droplets of the silicone mixture (AB) and droplets of the silicone mixture ~~(AC)~~ (A'C) in the aqueous phase of the hair cosmetic composition.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the emulsifier ~~contains~~ comprises Component (D):

(D) a quaternary ammonium salt represented by the following formula (4):



wherein, A represents a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated amide, N-hydrocarbon carbamoyl, acyloxy or hydrocarbon oxy group having 12 to 24 carbon atoms in total, B represents a divalent, linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms, at least one of ~~R¹, R² and R³~~ R¹, R² and R³ represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms in total and the remaining one or two represents an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms and X⁻ represents a halide ion or organic anion, or a tertiary amine compound represented by the formula:



wherein, A and B have the same meanings as described above, and ~~R⁴ and R⁵~~ R⁴ and R⁵ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or salt thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition of Claim 1, further comprising a higher alcohol as Component (E).

Claim 5 (withdrawn-currently amended): A preparation process of an oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition, which comprises the following steps 1 to 4:

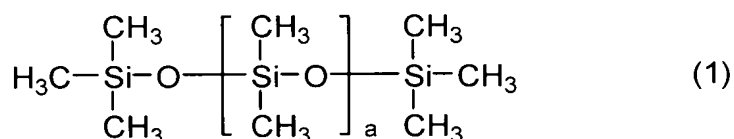
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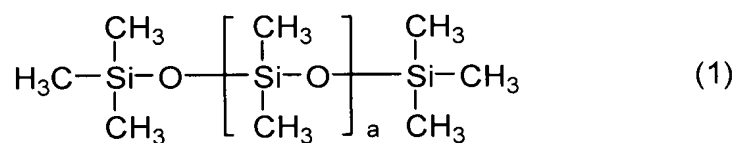
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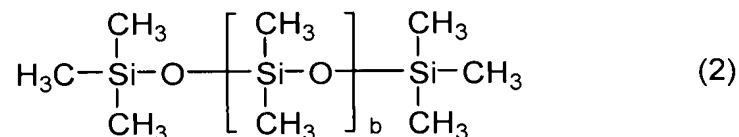
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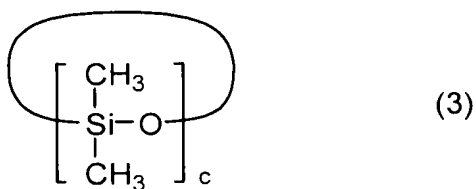
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Claims 6-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition of Claim 2, further comprising a higher alcohol as Component (E).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The oil-in-water ~~type~~ hair cosmetic composition of Claim 3, further comprising a higher alcohol as Component (E).

Claim 10 (new) The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said weight ratio of said mixture of Components (A) and (B) to said mixture of Components (A') and (C) is from 1:3 to 3:1.

Claim 11 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein component (a) has a number-average polymerization degree of 1,500 to 15,000.

Claim 12 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein composition comprises 0.5 to 6 wt. % of Component (A) + Component (A').

Claim 13 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein component (b) has a number-average polymerization degree of 50 to 700.

Claim 14 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein composition comprises 0.1 to 10 wt. % of Component (B).

Claim 15 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein composition comprises 0.1 to 10 wt. % of Component (C).

Claim 16 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein emulsifier is a cationic surfactant.

Claim 17 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein said emulsifier is present in amount of 0.1 to 20 wt. %.

Claim 18 (new) The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 3, wherein a weight ratio of Component (A) + Component (A') + Component (B) + Component (C)/Component (D) is 2 to 6.

Claim 19 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 4, wherein said higher alcohol is present in an amount of from 0.8 to 11 wt. %.

Claim 20 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 3, further comprising a higher alcohol as component (E) wherein a weight ratio of Component (D)/Component (E) is 1:2 to 1:4

Claim 21 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein a ratio of components (A) and (B) in said mixture of components (A) and (B) is 1:1 to 1:10.

Claim 22 (new): The oil-in-water hair cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein a ratio of components (A') and (C) in said mixture of components (A') and (C) is 1:1 to 1:10.